

Social and Personal.

The fifth annual commencement of the Richmond School of Expression will take place at 8:30 o'clock this evening in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, under the direction of Mrs. W. D. Thurston. The Rev. Dr. Young, of Centenary Methodist Church, will deliver the diplomas.

Graduates of practical and professional classes will be: Miss Beulah Anthony, Miss Eula Bailey, Miss Harwood, Miss Bates and Miss Hechler.

A tambourine drill and a series of dramatic attitudes will be attractive features of the evening.

The Huguenot Excursion to Williamsburg

Interest centers in the excursion to be given by the members of the Huguenot Society to Williamsburg, on Thursday, May 26th, and in the unveiling of the Burgess monument, which will take place at 11 A. M. in that city.

The descendants of the Burgesses, whose names appear on the bronze tablets adorning the monument and the many who will be attracted to the colonial capital by its historic and storied associations, will be wise to provide themselves with tickets at once, in order to secure safe and comfortable railway accommodation, going and returning. Tickets have been placed at the Rosemary Library, and any person wishing detailed information is referred to Mrs. J. B. Halyburton, No. 1302 Park Avenue, phone No. 1888. Excursionists will leave Richmond by the 9 A. M. train.

To be the Guests of Colonial Capital Branch

All members of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, who will go to Williamsburg for May 26th, are requested to wear the badge of the association, as they are to be the guests for the day of the Colonial Capital branch.

Those who wish to buy badges can procure them from Mrs. J. B. Lightfoot, No. 508 North Tenth Street.

Those who do not desire to purchase can receive a stamped badge upon application to the first vice-president, No. 10 East Franklin Street.

Milton C. Work Club.

The Milton C. Work Whist Club met yesterday afternoon at the Woman's Club and a hotly contested game resulted in a tie north and south, east and west.

Players tying north and south were Miss Sue Gordon and Miss Claire Guillemet, with Mrs. Ben Palmer and Miss Lucy Quarles; east and west, Mrs. Isiah White and Mrs. James Keith, with Mrs. C. W. P. Brock and Mrs. Basil Spaulding.

Memorial Society Meet.

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society will meet to-day at 11 A. M. in the Confederate Museum.

Junior Society to Meet.

The Junior Hollywood Memorial Society will hold an important meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other important business in Lee Camp Hall at 5 P. M. Thursday afternoon. All members are urged to be present.

Stay-at-Home Club.

The Stay-at-Home Whist Club met with Mrs. C. W. P. Brock Monday evening. Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. Correll, Mrs. Walter Martin and Miss Martha Harvie tied for honors. The club will meet next week with Mrs. Martin.

Afternoon Tea.

Tea will be served to-day from 4 to 7 P. M. in the exhibition parlors of the Richmond Art Club, No. 11 West Main Street.

Miss Adele Williams and Miss Elizabeth Patterson will be assisted in receiving visitors by Mrs. E. L. Bemis, Miss Bessie Catlin and Miss Bessie Selden. The hostess will be glad to welcome their friends and all who are in sympathy with the object of the exhibit and feel they can be helped by the lovely and valuable collection of paintings shown.

The attendance at the exhibition continues to be most encouraging, the appreciation evinced being specially gratifying to Miss Adele Williams, the chairman of the Exhibition Committee, and her assistants, all of whom have expended so much thought and effort in securing an unusually fine display.

The gatherings in the evenings, when the gentlemen are at leisure to come in with the ladies and share their enjoyment, is often very brilliant and always most delightful.

Personal Mention.

Miss Anna May Ehlen, a charming debutante, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting her cousin, Miss Corinne S. Norment, in South Third Street.

Miss Carrie Pace Neal, of No. 9 West Main Street, will leave next Monday for Louisville, Ky., where she will spend some of the summer months with relatives.

Mrs. Robert S. Christian will leave Wednesday for Baltimore, where she will spend several days. Mrs. Christian and family will leave for their summer home, in Albemarle, about the 30th of June.

Miss Katherine Rice, of Buckner's, Va., came down to Richmond yesterday, returning home in the evening with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Valentine are at the Jefferson Hotel. Mrs. Valentine has resumed work with her class of young ladies, to whom she gave several hours of instruction each day before her marriage.

Mrs. L. R. Dashiell has recently returned from a visit to New Orleans, New York and Philadelphia, where she had a most delightful time. Mrs. Dashiell went to New Orleans for the Educational Conference in Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. M. G. Gardner and Miss Gardner, of Cuckoo, Louisa county, are visiting relatives in Richmond.

As there seems to be a misapprehension existing in regard to the Williamsburg celebration on May 26th, it is here stated that any and all who wish to go are urged to do so. The celebration will be most interesting, and no pleasant time could be chosen to spend a day in the colonial capital.

Miss Bessie Martin is visiting Mrs.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try

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POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 192.

The Song of the Shirt.

BY HOOD.

The "Song of the Shirt" was first published in a London newspaper. Dickens at once attributed it to Hood, who acknowledged his authorship of this terrible arraignment of sweat shops. Thos. Hood's biography, autograph and portrait have already been published in this series.



ITH fingers weary and worn,
With eyelids heavy and red,
A woman sat in unwomanly rage,
Plying her needle and thread—
Stitch! stitch! stitch!
In poverty, hunger and dirt,
And still with a voice of dolorous pitch
She sang the "Song of the Shirt!"

"Work! work! work!
While the cock is crowing aloof!
And work—work—work,
Till the stars shine through the roof!
It's Oh! to be a slave,
Along with the barbarous Turk.
Where woman has never a soul to save,
If this is Christian work!"

"Work—work—work
Till the brain begins to swim;
Work—work—work
Till the eyes are heavy and dim.
Seam, and gusset, and band,
Band, and gusset, and seam,
Till over the buttons I fall asleep,
And sew them on in a dream!"

"Oh, men, with sisters dear!
Oh, men, with mothers and wives!
It is not I whom you're wearing out,
But human creatures' lives!
Stitch—stitch—stitch,
In poverty, hunger, and dirt,
Sewing at once, with a double thread,
A shroud as well as a Shirt."

"But why do I talk of Death?
That Phantom of grisly bone,
I hardly fear his terrible shape.
It seems so like my own—
It seems so like my own,
Because of the fasts I keep;
Oh, God! that bread should be so dear,
And flesh and blood so cheap!"

"Work—work—work!
My labor never flags;
And what are its wages? A bed of straw,
A crust of bread—and rags.
That shatter'd roof—and this naked floor—
A table—a broken chair—
And a wall so blank, my shadow I thank
For sometimes falling there."

"Work—work—work!
From weary chime to chime,
Work—work—work—
As prisoners work for crime!
Band, and gusset, and seam,
Seam, and gusset, and band,
Till my heart is sick, and the brain benumb'd,
As well as the weary hand."

"Work—work—work,
In the dull December light,
And work—work—work,
When the weather is warm and bright,
While underneath the eaves
The brooding swallows cling
As if to show me their sunny backs
And twit me with the spring."

"Oh! but to breathe the breath
Of the cowslip and primrose sweet,
With the sky above my head,
And the grass beneath my feet,
For only one short hour
To feel as I used to feel,
Before I knew the woes of want
And the walk that costs a meal."

"Oh, but for one short hour!
A respite however brief!
No blessed leisure for Love or Hope,
But only time for Grief!
A little weeping would ease my heart,
But in their briny bed
My tears must stop, for every drop
Hinders needle and thread!"

With fingers weary and worn,
With eyelids heavy and red,
A woman sat in unwomanly rage,
Plying her needle and thread—
Stitch! stitch! stitch!
In poverty, hunger, and dirt,
And still with a voice of dolorous pitch,
Would that its tone could reach the Rich!
She sang this "Song of the Shirt!"

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

Charles Dana Gibson, at "Mirador," in Albemarle county.

In the City Courts.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday, J. Wm. Jones, a laborer, filed a suit against the city for \$500, alleging that while cutting one ditch for the defendant he fell into another.

In the City Circuit Court, judgment was rendered in favor of C. P. Fuller vs. A. J. Andrews, for \$17.25.

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WITH EDGED TOOLS,

BY HENRY SETON MERRIMAN.

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CHAPTER XIII.—CONTINUED.

"It seems to me," he said, "that we have all the technicalities arranged now. So far as the working of the expedition is concerned, we know our places, and the difficulties will be met as they present themselves. But there is one thing which I think we should see in order now. I have been thinking about it while I have been waiting here alone."

The glow of Victor Durnovo's cigar died away as if in his attention he was forgetting to smoke, but he said nothing.

"It seems to me," Jack went on, "that before we leave here we should draw up and sign a sort of deed of partnership. Of course, we trust each other perfectly—there is no question of that. But life is an uncertain thing, as some earlier philosopher said before me; and one never knows what may happen. I have drawn up a paper in triplicate. If you have a match, I will read it to you."

Oscar produced a match, and, striking it on his boot, sheltered it with the hollow of his hand while Jack read:

"We, the undersigned, hereby enter into partnership to search for and sell, to our mutual profit, the herb known as Simazine, the profits to be divided into three equal portions, after the deduction of one-hundredth part to be handed to the servant, Joseph Atkinson. Any further expenses that may be incurred to be borne in the same proportion as the original expense of fitting out the expedition—namely, two-fifths to be paid by Guy Cravenor Oscar, two-fifths by John Meredith, one-fifth by Victor Durnovo."

"The sum of fifty pounds per month be paid to Victor Durnovo, wherever he may pay the thirty special men taken from his estate and headquarters at Masala to cultivate the Simazine, and such corn and vegetables as may be required for the sustenance of the expedition; these men to act as porters until the plateau be reached."

"The opinion of two of the three leaders against one of the accepted unconditionally in all questions where controversy may arise. In case of death each of us undertakes hereby to hand over to the executor of the dead partner or partners such moneys as shall belong to him or them."

At this juncture there was a little pause, while Guy Oscar lighted a second match.

"And," continued Jack, "we hereby undertake severally, on oath, to hold the secret of the whereabouts of the Simazine a strict secret, which secret may be

The Theatres.

With a matinee this afternoon and a performance to-night, "Annie Laurie" will back off the Academy stage to give place to the charming "Belle of Virginia," which the Bennett-Moulton Stock Company puts on the last three days of the week.

"Annie Laurie" delighted another audience last night and the piece went through the four acts in a whirl of enthusiasm and genuine heart interest. It is a play that appeals to elemental humanity without regard to class or condition—people's play, and a clean, wholesome one at that.

Decidedly, the Bennett-Moulton Company has put on nothing better in its engagements.

Vaudeville Improves.

The Bijou management was congratulated on the changes made in the vaudeville bill yesterday afternoon and evening. The numbers, which failed to "make good" were cut out, and features that were more in keeping with the reputation of the house were substituted. Improvement was marked, and the play-ers will do their best to eradicate the unfavorable impression which greeted the initial performance. The changed and reorganized company will appear all the week.

Special Matinee on Monday.

A special matinee will be given by the Walter Edwards Company at the Bijou Theatre Monday. The "Brixton Burglary" will be presented.

MAY HAVE GYMNASIUM.

Men's Club Leigh Street Church Holds Encouraging Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Men's Club at Leigh Street Baptist Church Monday night was largely attended. The report of work accomplished by the reading

room during the winter, which was enthusiastically received, showed an average attendance of over fifty, the Saturday night attendance being forty-eight. This is a remarkably good showing, as there are so many attractions for young men at other places.

The club determined to push the work and a committee of three, consisting of Dr. R. D. Garlin and Messrs. E. S. Simpson and W. P. Longworth, was appointed to look into the feasibility of establishing a gymnasium and baths in connection with the reading room, report to be made at the next meeting. After the business meeting refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was spent.

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was telling me about that—awful scourge that they call the pox, and are now awake enough. Groanin', and off their heads too, mostly."

"Have you called Mr. Oscar?"

"No, sir."

"Call him and Mr. Durnovo."

"Met Mr. Durnovo, sir, goin' out as I came in."

In a few moments Jack joined Durnovo and Oscar, who were talking together on the terrace in front of the house. Guy Oscar was still in his pyjamas, which he had tucked into top-boots. He also wore a sun-helmet, which added a finish to his costume. They got quite accustomed to this get-up during the next three days, for he never had time to change it; somehow, it ceased to be humorous long before the end of that time.

"Oh, it's nothing," Durnovo was saying, with a singular eagerness. "I know these chaps. They have been paid in advance. They are probably shaming, and if they are not they are only suffering from the effects of a farewell glorification. They want to delay our start. That is their little game. I will give them a better chance of deserting."

"At any rate, we had better go and see them," suggested Jack.

"No, don't!" cried Durnovo, eagerly, detaching him with both hands. "Take my advice, and don't. Just have breakfast in the ordinary way, and pretend there is nothing wrong. Then afterwards you can lounge casually into the camp."

"All right," said Jack, rather unwillingly.

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MRS. YEAMANS'S RECITAL.

A Delightful Entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. Last Night.

Mrs. Jennie Yeamans's recital at the Young Men's Christian Association last night was in every way a success, and a brilliant audience enjoyed the readings of the Virginia electionist. The programme was an excellent one and was quite varied. Mrs. John Murphy, Mr. Henry Rueger and Professor Frank Cosby contributed numbers that were much enjoyed.

Mrs. Yeamans and Mr. Norbert Caughy presented the pretty little sketch, "Drifted Apart," and repeated the success which they made at the Academy last winter.

The feature of the entertainment was the pantomime, "Belshazzar's Doom." Mrs. Yeamans read the lines with fine dramatic effect, and the scene was enacted in pantomime by a score or more of ladies and gentlemen, all correctly costumed. The scene was rich in color and made a beautiful spectacle.

The programme was as follows:
The Anvil Song, from "Robin Hood," Mr. Henry Rueger.
Magic Fire, from "Die Walkure," Mrs. John Murphy.
Reading—(a) "Oester Joe," by request, Mr. Henry Rueger.
(b) "The Wild White Rose," Miss Wilson.
Mrs. Jennie Yeamans.
Bobolink, Mrs. John Murphy.
(a) Berceuse (Lullaby), Chopin.
(b) Mexican Melodies—"Lisoniera," Hiver.
"Vals de Salon," Jorda.
Professor Frank Cosby.
Reading—(a) "Ole Mistis," John Trotwood Moore.
(b) "Palm Garden," Mr. Henry Rueger.
(c) "When de Con Pone's Hot," P. L. Dunbar.
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